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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN STANCE IN TAU

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1. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA MAY 25 PUBLISHED SUMMARY OF SPEECH MADE
IN ADDIS NIGHT OF MAY 23 BY ZAIRIAN DEPUTY STATE COMMISSIONER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS INONGA. INONGA REPORTED AS SAYING GOZ SUPPORT FOR
EGYPT IN OAU IS BASED ON FACT THAT PART OF EGYPT' S TERRITORY IS
OCCUPIED BY NON- AFRICAN POWER. HOWEVER, PALESTINIAN PROBLEM DOES
NOT COME UNDER OAU. ARAB LEAGUE SHOULD HANDLE IT. ITS
SOLUTION " JUST AS URGENT" AS DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE
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AND UGINEA BISSAU. INONGA ALSO URGED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES SPONTANEOUSLY HELP EACH OTHER INTIMES OF CALAMITY, AS ZAIRE HAS DONE FOR ZAMBIA, MAURITAMPG, TUNISIA AND, MORE RECENTLY, FOR FOUR DROUGHT STRICKEN SAHEL COUNTRIES.

2. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWS AGENCY AZAP IN RARE EDITORIAL PUBLISHED MAY 25 POINTED OUT THAT WHILE AFRICAN SOLIDARITY IS ENSHRINED IN OAU CHARTER, AFRICA'S RESPONSE TO DROUGHT CALAMITY IN CHAD, SENEGAL, NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA HAS BEEN SINFUL SILENCE AND INACTION. ZAIRE'S INDIGNATION IS HEIGHTENED BY FACT THAT MAIN GESTURES OF SOLIDARITY HAVE COME FROM FORMER EUROPEAN COLONIAL POWERS. " THUS ONCE AGAIN AFRICA HAS ABDICATED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ALLOWED EUROPE TO MOVE IN". AFRICA'S DETRATCORS CAN POINT TO GAP SEPARATING OFFICIAL STATEMENTS IN OAU FORUM FROM POSITIVE ACTS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THIS SERIOUSLY SHAKES BELIEF OF AFRICAN PUBLIC OPINION IN OAU'S EFFECTIVENESS.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY URGING OAU TO TAKE CONCERTED ACTION NOW EVEN IF THIS CANNOT WIPE OUT SCANDAL OF ITS FAILURE TO ACT SOONER. AS SIGNER OF OAU CHARTER AND BELIEVER IN SOLIDARITY AS ONE OF " AUTHENTIC" VIRTURES, ZAIRE WILL DO ITS DUTY. UNLESS OAU MEMBES AT 10 TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN SOLIDARITY, AFRICAN PUBLIC OPINION WILL LOSE INTEREST.

4. COMMENT: THESE ARE PROBABLY THE THINGS MOBUTU WOULD HAVE SAID HAD HE NOT OSTENTATIOUSLY DECIDED (REFTEL) TO FOREGO SPEAKING AT OAU SUMMIT. ZAIRIAN MISSION IN ADDIS WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE SURE THEY GET WIDE CIRCULATION THERE. MOBUTU PRESUMABLY HAS HIS EYE ON OAU PRESIDENCY.
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